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**INTERIM NUMBER PORTABILITY**

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1. General

Interim Number Portability (INP) is a one-way terminating arrangement provided by SWBT to LSPs whereby an end-user customer, switches subscription to local exchange service from SWBT to a LSP, is permitted to retain, for their use, the existing SWBT assigned telephone number provided that the end user remains at a location within the same SWBT serving central office.

- 1.1 In SWBT exchanges where an overlay NPA has been approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, INP will be provided by SWBT to LSPs where; 1) the end-user customer is a current SWBT customer and chooses to obtain additional service from an LSP or 2) chooses to obtain additional service from the LSP after moving within a wire center.

2. Rate Regulations

- 2.1 INP is only available to LSPs.
- 2.2 INP services and facilities will only be provided where technically feasible, subject to the availability of facilities, and may only be furnished from properly equipped central offices. INP services and facilities are not offered for NXX codes 555, 976, 950, or SWBT operated coin telephone service or customer owned pay telephone service.
- 2.3 INP services are not available for local exchange end-user accounts of SWBT where payments are 45-days or more in arrears unless full payment is made or an agreement is reached where the LSP agrees to make full payment on the end-user's behalf.
- 2.4 When the exchange service offerings associated with INP service is provisioned using remote switching arrangements, INP service is only available from, or to host central offices.
- 2.5 SWBT will only provide INP service to a LSP switch or interconnection point within SWBT exchanges.
- 2.6 The LSPs customer may retain a SWBT Optional Extended Metropolitan Service (EMS) or Optional Extended Area Calling Service (EACS) telephone number. When the end users wishes to retain a EMS/EACS telephone number, the EMS/EACS additive as found in Section 10, Paragraph 16.2.2 of the General Exchange Tariff applies in addition to the charges specified Paragraphs 7.1 and/or 7.2 of this tariff.

3. Obligations of SWBT

- 3.1 SWBT's sole responsibility is to comply with the service requests it receives from the LSP and to provide INP in accordance with its tariff. In the event that SWBT becomes aware that a dispute or discrepancy may have occurred, it may insist that the LSP provide written evidence of its authority to SWBT from the end user before SWBT terminates the end-user's service and establishes INP service.

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##### 4. Obligations of LSPs

- 4.1 The LSP is responsible for assuring that its switch is capable of accepting INP ported traffic.
- 4.2 The LSP is solely responsible to provide equipment and facilities that are compatible with SWBT's service parameters, interfaces, equipment and facilities. The LSP is required to provide sufficient terminating facilities and services at the terminating end of an INP call to adequately handle all traffic to that location and is solely responsible to ensure that its facilities, equipment and services do not interfere with or impair any facility, equipment or service of SWBT or any of its end users. In the event that SWBT determines in its sole judgment that the LSP will likely impair or is impairing, or interfering with any equipment, facility or service of SWBT or any of its end users, SWBT may either refuse to provide INP service or terminate it in accordance with other provisions of the Company's tariff.
- 4.3 The LSP is responsible for providing an appropriate intercept announcement service for any telephone numbers subscribed to INP service for which it is not presently providing local exchange service or terminating to an end user.
- 4.4 Where the LSP chooses to disconnect or terminate any INP service, it is responsible for designating the preferred type of announcement to be provided by SWBT at appropriate intercept rates.
- 4.5 When the LSP disconnects or terminates service to the end-user, the LSP will return the INP telephone number to SWBT and SWBT will provide the intercept service. Customized intercept announcements will be made available at appropriate tariffed rates.
- 4.6 The LSP is required, as a condition of acquiring INP service from SWBT, to provide a reciprocal interim number portability service to SWBT at reasonable and compensatory rates to allow a LSP customer to switch subscription to SWBT and retain the existing LSPs assigned telephone number.

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#### **4. Obligations of LSPs (Cont'd.)**

- 4.7 The LSP is responsible for designating to SWBT at the time of its initial service request for INP service one of the following options for handling and processing of Calling Card, Collect, Third party, and other operator handled non-sent paid calls from or to INP assigned telephone numbers. SWBT will block all such calls unless; (1) the LSP may accept billing and collection from SWBT for such calls; or (2) the LSP may negotiate a separate billing and collection agreement with SWBT reestablishing the call handling, processing and billing responsibilities of the parties.

#### **5. Limitations of Service**

- 5.1 SWBT is not responsible for adverse affects on any service, facility or equipment from the use of INP service.
- 5.2 End-to-end transmission characteristics may vary depending on the distance and routing necessary to complete calls over INP facilities and the fact that another carrier is involved in the provisioning of service. Therefore, end-to-end transmission characteristics can not be specified by the Company for such calls.
- 5.3 SWBT is not responsible to the LSP if necessary changes in protection criteria or in any of the facilities, operation, or procedures of the Company renders any facilities provided by a LSP obsolete or renders modification of the LSPs equipment necessary.

#### **6. Service Descriptions**

##### **6.1 Interim Number Portability (INP) - Remote**

- 6.1.1 INP-Remote is a local exchange telecommunications service whereby a call dialed to an INP-Remote equipped telephone number, assigned in a SWBT switch, is automatically forwarded to a local seven or ten digit telephone number assigned in a LSP switch. The forwarded-to-number is specified by the LSP.
- 6.1.2 INP-Remote provides a single call path for the forwarding of no more than one call to the LSPs specified forwarded-to-number. Additional call paths for the forwarding of multiple simultaneous calls are available on a per path basis at rates specified in 7.1 following.

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#### 7. Rates and Charges

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	<u>Nonrecurring Charge</u>
7.1 Interim Number Portability - Remote		
per number ported	\$ 3.10	(1)
per additional path	\$ .15	(1)
7.2 Interim Number Portability - Direct		
Service Establishment Charge		
per group, per central office		\$115.00(1)
DID Trunk Termination		
per VG channel	\$ 26.45	
per DS1 facility	\$ 640.00	
Number Charges		
per number ported	\$ 0.01	
Subsequent number additions or deletions per occurrence		\$ 1.70(1)
Transport Charges		
VG transport per mile, per trunk termination	(2)	
DS1 transport per mile, per trunk termination	(2)	
7.3 Optional EMS/EACS Additive		
Optional EMS/EACS Number Charge, per telephone number ported	(3)	

- (1) Service Order Charges, as found in Section 27 of the Texas General Exchange Tariff, apply.
- (2) If interoffice mileage is required, refer to Section 28 of the Texas Access Service Tariff.
- (3) When the LSP customer retains a SWBT Optional EMS or EACS telephone number, via INP service, the Optional EMS/EACS additive found in Section 10, Paragraph 16.2.2 of the General Exchange Tariff applies in addition to the rates and charges specified in 7.1 and/or 7.2 of this tariff.

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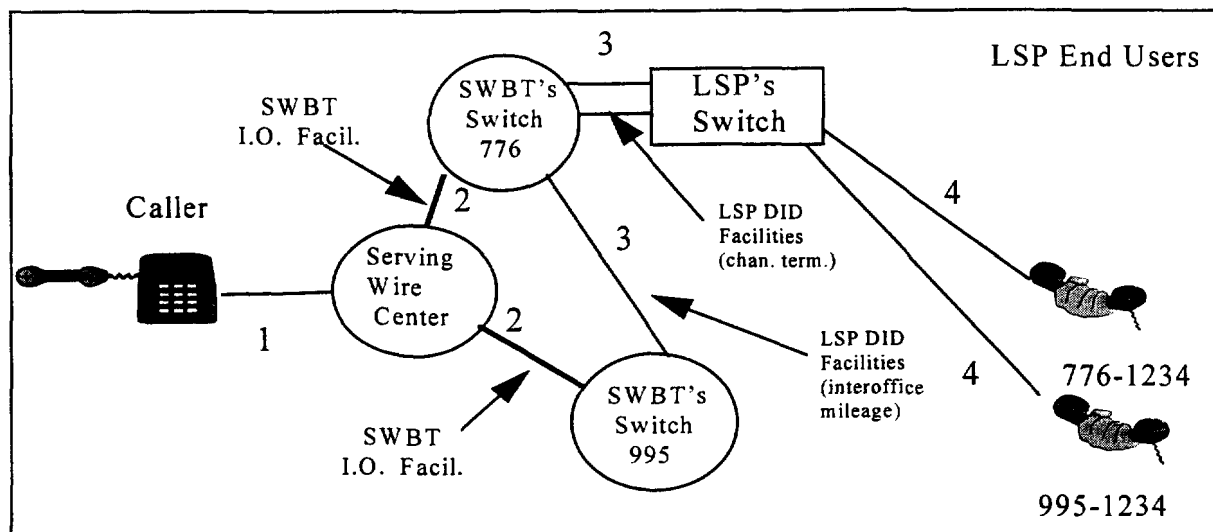
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#### 6. Service Descriptions (Cont'd.)

#### 6.2 Interim Number Portability (INP)-Direct (Cont'd.)

6.5 Below is a diagram of Interim Number Portability - Direct:



The caller dials 776-1234 or 995-1234 (1) and the caller's serving wire center recognizes that the dialed NXX and forwards the call over the LSP's transport facilities to the appropriate SWBT switch (776 or 995 depending on what the caller dialed) where the numbers reside (2). SWBT's switch then recognizes number as a INP Direct number and forwards the call over the LSPs DID facility (3) to the LSP's switch. The LSP then associates the INP-Direct number with a number that the LSP has assigned to its end user, then completes the call by forwarding to the LSP end user (4).

If the LSPs have customers whose INP telephone numbers reside in SWBT end offices other than the LSP's SWBT serving wire center, the LSP must provide INP-Direct facilities to those end offices.

The facility which connects the LSPs POP to the SWBT serving wire center is depicted above as the DID Facility (channel termination). This channel termination can be obtained from SWBT in three ways: 1) the LSP's negotiated interconnection facility could be utilized; 2) the LSP has the option of providing this facility via a conditional collocation arrangement or; 3) The facility may be obtained from Section 28 of the Intrastate Access Service Tariff.

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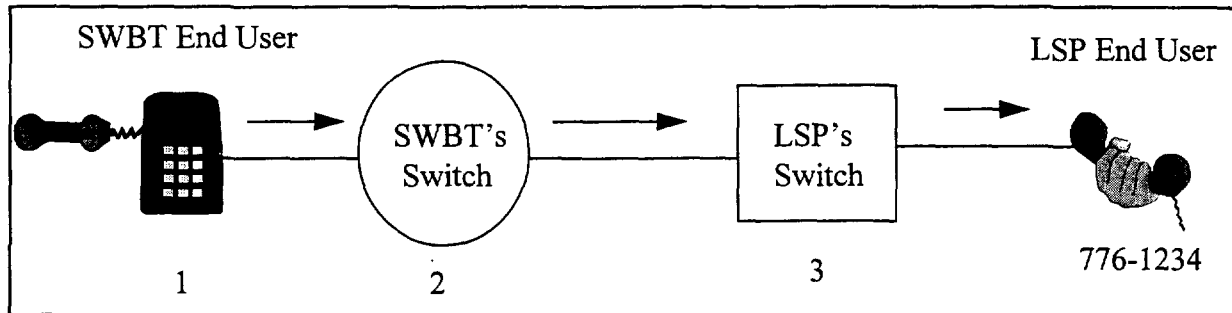
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#### 6. Service Descriptions (Cont'd.)

6.1.3 Where technologically feasible, the Company will provide identification of the originating telephone number, via SS7 signaling, to the LSP.

6.1.4 Below is a diagram of Interim Number Portability - Remote:



In this example, the LSP end user is a former SWBT end user who has retained the 776-1234 telephone number when changing service providers. A caller dials the 776-1234 telephone number (1). The SWBT switch (2) recognizes the number as an INP-Remote telephone number and translates it to the LSP assigned telephone number e.g., 333-8976; the call is then forwarded over SWBT's network to the LSP using the 333-8976 telephone number. The LSP's switch then completes the call (3).

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#### 6. Service Descriptions (Cont'd.)

#### 6.2 Interim Number Portability (INP) - Direct

- 6.2.1 INP-Direct is a local exchange telecommunications service which provides for the delivery of the called (dialed) telephone number to the LSPs switching equipment (central office or premises) for identification and subsequent routing and call completion by the LSP.
- 6.2.2 INP-Direct is available either on a per voice grade channel basis or a per DS1 (24 equivalent voice grade channels) basis.
  - 6.2.2.1 Where INP-Direct is provisioned on a per voice grade channel basis, the service is provided per voice grade channel at rates and charges listed in Paragraph 7.2 of this tariff.
  - 6.2.2.2 Where INP-Direct is provisioned on a per DS1 basis, the service is provided per DS1 at rates and charges listed in Paragraph 7.2 of this tariff.
  - 6.2.2.3 Where the location of the LSPs switching equipment to which SWBT is providing voice grade or DS1 INP Direct service reside outside the exchange or central office serving area from which the INP - Direct service is purchased, applicable interoffice mileage charges as specified in Section 7 of the Intrastate Special Access Tariff apply, in addition to the charges specified in 6.2.2.1 and 6.2.2.2 above.
- 6.3 When an LSP initially establishes INP-Direct service, either on a voice grade or DS1 basis, a Service Order Charge as well as a Service Establishment Charge, as listed in Paragraph 7.2 of this tariff, applies.
- 6.4 INP-Direct service must be established with a minimum configuration of 2 voice grade channels and one unassigned telephone number per SWBT switch, per arrangement for control purposes. Transport facilities arranged for INP-Direct may not be mixed with any other type of trunk group. Outgoing calls may not be placed over facilities arranged for INP-Direct service.
- 6.5 SS7 Signaling is not available on INP direct facilities.
- 6.6 INP-Direct Channel Termination Charges apply per trunk group, per central office. The LSP must order a separate channel termination for each end office where the LSPs customer's SWBT assigned telephone number resides.

Synopsis of COA and SPCOA Applications Filed to Date 20-Mar-96	Pending	Approved	Denied	Withdrawn	Total
	COA	2	1	0	3
	SPCOA	8	18	3	30
	Total	10	19	3	33

**Pending: 10**

America's Tele-Network, Corp. (SPCOA)  
AT&T (SPCOA)  
AT&T (COA)  
Capital Telecommunication, Inc. (SPCOA)  
Communications TeleSystems International (SPCOA)  
Network Operator Services, Inc. (SPCOA)  
NOS Communications, Inc. (SPCOA)  
Time Warner Communications (COA)  
U.S. Telco, Inc. (SPCOA)  
USN Southwest, Inc. (SPCOA)

**Approved: 19**

Kingsgate Telephone (COA)  
Action Telcom Co. (SPCOA)  
American Telco (SPCOA)  
Cable & Wireless, Inc. (SPCOA)  
Coastal Telecom Limited Co. (SPCOA)  
LCI International, Inc. (SPCOA)  
Metro-Link Telecom (SPCOA)  
MFS Intelenet (SPCOA)  
MFS-Dallas (SPCOA)  
MFS-Houston (SPCOA)  
Nations Bell, Inc. (SPCOA)  
Progressive Concepts, Inc. (PCI) (SPCOA)  
TCG Dallas (SPCOA)  
TCG Houston (SPCOA)  
Texas Comm South, Inc. (SPCOA)  
U.S. Long Distance (SPCOA)  
ValuLine of Longview (SPCOA)  
Westel, Inc. (SPCOA)  
World Com (LDDS) (SPCOA)

**Withdrawn: 3**

Metro Connection, Inc. (SPCOA)  
Plexnet, Inc. (SPCOA)  
Resource Innovations Group, Inc. (SPCOA)

**Denied: 1**

MCImetro Access (SPCOA)

CHALLENGED BY SWBT: 8		BASIS OF CHALLENGE	RESULTS OF CHALLENGE
COA	Kingsgate Telephone	Non-compliance with build-out.	Remanded for further hearing.
SPCOA	AT&T	6% is not preempted by Fed. 6% is not a barrier to entry.	
SPCOA	MCImetro Access	>6% access MOU	Application Denied
SPCOA	Metro-Link Telecom	Applicant, an IXC, is using flat-rated local exchange lines to avoid SWBT's access tariff.	Prohibited use of FX to avoid access tariff.
SPCOA	MFS-Dallas	SPCOA using own local facilities. SWBT Will Appeal.	Rehearing for consideration of legislative history.
SPCOA	MFS-Houston	SPCOA using own local facilities. SWBT Will Appeal.	Rehearing for consideration of legislative history.
SPCOA	TCG Dallas	Non-compliance with build-out Not eligible for SPCOA	Rehearing for consideration of legislative history.
SPCOA	TCG Houston	Non-compliance with build-out Not eligible for SPCOA	Rehearing for consideration of legislative history.

**APPLICATIONS STIPULATED BY SWBT: 16**